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To: Michelle Finley, Town Clerk (To distribute to:)
Peter Ingalsbe, Town Supervisor
Steven Holtz, Nathan Bowerman, Ronald Herendeen, Mike Casale
Ron Brand Town Director of Development
John Robortella, Planning Board Clerk (To distribute to:)
Ed Hemminger, Town Planning Board Director
Adrian Bellis, Tim Delucia, Doug Viets, Shauncy Maloy

Dear Farmington Town representatives:

Please enter into the record my continuing opposition to the three solar power plants being considered for the Smith property on Fox and Yellow Mills Roads.

It does not surprise me that problems with the Farmington Solar Law have become evident. How could a law created with so much direction from Dan Compitello, employed by the solar industry, be fair for the people of the town?

Concerned citizens asked for a moratorium. It's very disappointing that you have exempted Delaware River Solar from the latest moratorium.

Yes, the Planning Board has spent a lot of time reviewing these projects, but sometimes mistakes are made, things are overlooked, and neighbors concerns are not heard.

Although Mr. Compitello himself agreed to work with visual buffers at a Planning Board Meeting, I see on the approved site plan that there are still no trees buffering the southern end of the arrays. I personally asked for this at least half a dozen times, but so far to no avail. Our property is directly across the road from these proposed power plants. It will be clearly visible from our whole property, being only 300 feet away.

These power plants will absolutely have a hugh negative effect on our property's value, the environment, the character of the neighborhood. This industrial use should not be allowed in our agricultural district.

Very truly yours,

Linda Heberle
531 Yellow Mills Road